

REMARKS

1. The applicants and their attorney would like to thank the Examiner for his suggestions on April 15, 2004 regarding ways of bringing claim 24 into condition for allowance.


2. Claims 1-32 are pending in this application. Reconsideration and further prosecution of the above-identified application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and discussion that follows. Claims 24-32 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over "Using IsSPace4", Intsoft, Inc., pp. 19-85, May 1998, in view of U.S. Pat. No. 3,795,798 to Endo et al. Claims 1-23 have been allowed. After a careful review of the claims (as amended), it has been concluded that the rejections are in error and the rejections are, therefore, traversed.

2. In the Office Action of 12/9/04 (paragraph bridging pages 2-3), the Examiner suggests that inclusion of "means for" language in claim 24 would also make claim 24 allowable. In response, claim 24 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

3. Allowance of claims 1-32, as now presented, is believed to be in order and such action is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, he is respectfully requested to

telephone applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,
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